

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 271 – HB 1348**

March 17, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the Tennessee Quality Teacher Fellowship (TQTF) program for students preparing to become teachers by authorizing a one-time TQTF fifth-year scholarship of \$10,000 for students whose programs require a fifth year of preparation and who meet certain criteria. Authorizes a TQTF college scholarship of \$5,000 per year, up to five years, for students beginning teacher programs and who meet certain criteria. Authorizes a TQTF innovation scholarship of \$2,500 per year, up to five years, for students in joint teacher programs and who meet certain criteria. The bill establishes the scholarship award amounts for FY12-13 only and requires subsequent-year award amounts be determined by the general appropriations act.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$7,183,300/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years/Lottery for Education Account**

Assumptions:

- No change in expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account (LFEA) in FY11-12.
- According to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), there will be approximately 550 students awarded the TQTF fifth-year scholarship, approximately 200 students awarded a TQTF college scholarship, and approximately 250 students awarded a TQTF innovation scholarship in FY12-13.
- The increase in state expenditures from the LFEA will be \$7,125,000  $[(550 \times \$10,000) + (200 \times \$5,000) + (250 \times \$2,500)]$  for FY12-13.
- TSAC will require one additional position to administer the TQTF program beginning in FY12-13. The recurring increase in state expenditures will be \$58,300 (\$32,000 salary, \$12,821 benefits, and \$13,479 other) beginning in FY12-13.
- The increase in state expenditures from the LFEA for FY13-14 and subsequent years are unknown because award amounts after the initial year (FY12-13) are to be determined annually by the General Assembly in the general appropriations act. It is assumed that appropriations for these scholarships will remain constant in FY13-14 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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